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1,480,687 agricultural laborers, 727,374 own small plots of land. The 1,954,251 farm servants and 18,000 bailiffs, many of whom, however, as the sons of peasant proprietors, possess no land.

As regards the holdings and their extent, it appears that their total number amounts to 5,672,007. Of these 217 only are of more than 500 hectares (1235) acres; 28,586 range from 100 to 500 hectares (247 to 1235 acres); 56,866 from 50 to 100 hectares (123½ to 247 acres); 783,641 from 10 to 50 hectares (24 to 123½ acres); and 4,802,697 are less than 10 hectares (24 acres) in extent.

STATE AND FEDERAL STATISTICS OF SHEEP.

In an article in the December Number, 1897, of the *Bulletin of the National Association of the Wool Manufacturers* attention is directed to the discrepancy between Federal and State statistics of sheep.

"Accepting, as heretofore, the figures of the Department of Agriculture as to the number of sheep in the country on April 1, 1897, we are again obliged to call attention to the fact that these figures differ materially, in many instances, from those of the State authorities, which are those of the assessors, and almost without exception report a less number of sheep than that stated by the United States Department. A few of these cases are given herewith for illustration":—

		State Assessors.	U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.
Massachusetts.....	1896	34,091	46,653
“	1897	33,000*	40,672
Ohio.....	1896	2,293,686	2,633,410
“	1897	2,102,959	2,245,781
Iowa.....	1896	318,494	547,618
“	1897	464,701	517,281
Kansas.....	1896	182,236	253,222
“	1897	222,703	217,104
Wyoming.....	1897	1,391,795	1,533,620
North Dakota.....	1896	226,701	349,393
Texas.....	1895	1,589,378	3,487,663
“	1895	2,386,822†	
“	1896	2,140,889†	2,911,993

* Estimated. Returns for 1897 not yet compiled.

† Both statements given in official report. Thirty-seven counties not reported.